

In Paragraph [0008], please substitute the paragraph as follows:

Fig. 1 a schematic view of an axial longitudinal section of a liquid treating device according to the invention, the strip being shown in side view.

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Fig. 2 is a schematic view of the arrangement of the ring magnets of fig. 1 without the housing and inner tube.

In Paragraph [0010], please substitute the paragraph as follows:

Fig. 3 and 4 are detailed plan views of two other embodiments of the inlet terminal part of the strip of the device of fig. 1.

### IN THE CLAIMS

In Claim 1, please substitute the claim as follows:

1. (Amended) A permanent magnetic liquid treating device (1) comprising
  - a tubular housing (2) in which ring magnets (3) and magnetizable spacer discs (4) are located, coaxially to the longitudinal axis of the housing, and which comprises connecting pieces (5) at both ends, and comprising means causing a spiral motion of the liquid passing therethrough, and
  - an inner tube (6) which is located in the housing, coaxially to the longitudinal axis thereof and at a distance from the inner wall of the housing, the ends of said inner tube being connected liquid-tightly to said connecting pieces, the liquid to be treated flowing through said inner tube, and the ring magnets (3) and spacer discs (4) being installed in the liquid-free space between the inner tube (6) and the tubular housing (2) in such a way that they lie one behind the other in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the housing,
  - wherein said tubular housing (2) is comprised of a non-magnetizable material;
  - wherein said inner tube (6) is comprised of a magnetizable rustproof metal;
  - wherein said tubular connecting pieces (5) comprised of a magnetizable rustproof metal extend the inner tube (6) and form a single piece therewith;
  - wherein said ring magnets (3) which are identical to each other are arranged in the ring space between the housing (2) and the inner tube (6) so that, beginning from the liquid inlet (E), there follows, after a single spacer disc (4), a ring magnet (3) with its south pole directed towards the inlet, then, each time after two single spacer discs (4), three ring magnets (3) with the polarity inverted from one to the next, and at last two twinned ring magnets (3a, 3b), again with polarity inverted in relation to the preceding ring magnet and to the following twinned ring magnet, the single ring magnets (3a, 3b) which comprise each twinned magnet contacting each other with opposite poles so that a south pole is at the outside of the stack, and a final thicker spacing disc (4);